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SUBJECT: ALLENDE CALLS FOR STRENGTHENING UP PARTY MACHINERY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN LETTER TO UP PARTY PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT ALLENDE CALLED FOR CONVERTING UP INTO GENUINE COORDINATING AND LEADERSHIP BODY. PRESIDENT ALSO PROPOSED HOLDING UP PARTY CONGRESS IN NEAR FUTURE. MEANWHILE, THERE ARE RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN LETTER TO UP PARTY PRES RAFAEL GUMUCIO DATED MAR 15 BUT MADE PUBLIC MAR 17 ( TEXT IN FBIS), PRES ALLENDE CLAIMED THAT FAVORABLE RESULTS OF MAR 4 ELECTION " HAD CREATED MINIMUM POLITICAL CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR UP PARTY TO EVOLVE FROM ITS PRESENT EMBRYONIC STATE INTO AN INSTRUMENT FOR FUTURE OF THE REVOLUTION." ITS FUTURE ROLE, ALLENDE CONTINUED, IS TO PROVIDE " UNITARY AND EFFECTIVE OVERALL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. . . AND TO DIRECT THE JOINT ACTION OF THE GOVT AND THE MASSES." ALLENDE SPECIFICALLY DENIED HIS GOAL WAS FORMATION OF A " SINGLE PARTY."

3. ALLENDE CALLED FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS OF UP PARTY TO DECIDE ON SPECIFIC TASKS, TO CONSOLIDATE SUPPORT FOR GOVT, " TO RESCUE POPULAR SECTORS FROM THE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL INFLUENCE OF THE BOURGEOISIE," AND TO " INCREASE INCORPORATION OF MID-DLE SECTORS INTO EFFORT TO CREATE A NEW SOCIETY." SPECIFICALLY, ALLENDE CITED AS POSSIBLE AGENDA TOPICS DEFINITION OF " SOCIAL AREA " OF ECONOMY, AGRARIAN REFORM, INCREASED PRODUCTION,  
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IMPROVED PLANNING, INCREASED WORKER PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY FORMULATION, MEASURES AGAINST PROFITEERING AND BLACK MARKET SALES, MEASURES TO REDUCE INFLATION AND IMPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF CONSUMER GOODS, INCOME REDISTRIBUTION MEASURES, IMPROVED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING PARTICIPATION OF "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" IN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES, "REVIEW OF BEHAVIOR OF UP MEMBERS HOLDING GOVT POSTS," DEVELOPMENT OF "INSTITUTIONS OF POPULAR POWER," INTENSIFIED IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE, "DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AGAINST SEDITIOUS ELEMENTS," AND, IN GENERAL, WAYS TO SPEED PROCESS OF CHANGING INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE INTO ONE MORE COMPATIBLE WITH TRANSITION TO SOCIALISM. PRESIDENT CONCLUDED UP CONGRESS SHOULD BE "ONE MORE VEHICLE TO UNITE GOVT, UP PARTIES, AND MASS ORGANIZATIONS IN A SINGLE PROGRAM AND UNDER A SINGLE LEADERSHIP."

4. MEANWHILE, RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES ARE NUMEROUS. MINAG ROLANDO CALDERON WAS QUOTED IN PRESS MAR 17 TO EFFECT THAT ALL MINISTERS WILL PRESENT THEIR RESIGNATIONS THIS WEEK. OTHER SOURCES SPECULATED ALLENDE WILL NOT MAKE ANY CABINET CHANGES UNTIL AFTER UPCOMING SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTY MEETINGS TO ANALYZE POLITICAL SITUATION.

5. COMMENT. IN SPITE OF ALLENDE'S DENIAL OPPOSITION PRESS HAS DEPICTED OUTCOME OF HIS PROPOSAL AS FORMATION OF A SINGLE "PARTY OF THE REVOLUTION," AN IDEA WHICH WAS FIRST BROACHED SOME TIME AGO. UP PARTIES ARE SHOWING SEVERE INTERNAL STRAINS (SANTIAGO 1021 AND 1108), AND PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THIS POINT, I. E. AND "UMBRELLA" ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN ENCOMPASS DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW AND LIMIT THREAT OF FORMAL DEFECTIONS FROM UP, E. G., BY ONE OF MAPU'S TWO FACTIONS.  
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